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December 13, 1972

Memo to File: Eastern Petroleum Ancon 21 SE/NW Sec 31-T20N-R28E Apache County

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Hemo from W. E. Allen, Director Enforcement Section

Drilling on the above referenced well was started without a permit. At some point during the drilling operations, the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission forced the operator to discontinue his operations and plug the well.

We have conflicting reports from the operator concerning the total depth of this well. We also have a log that has been determined to be made on this well which tends to substantiate one of the operator's total depth report.

For further information pertaining to this well, see memos and letters in the file.

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Sctober 30, 1970

Memo from W. E. Allen

Memo to: Eastern Petroleum Company #21 Ancon Santa Fe SE/4 NW/4 Section 31-T20N-R28E Apache County Our File #234

> Eastern Petroleum Company #21² Ancon Santa Pe SE/4 NW/4 Section 31-T20N-R28E Apache County

Henry Fullop called regarding the letter he had received dated October 27, 1970, inquiring about the well drilled on this section and designated Ancon 21 according to the dry hole marker. Approximately 500's southeast of this well is another well also designated Ancon 21.

According to Mr. Fullop this plugged well was started after he had received oral permission from Mr. Ludwig. Eastern never received the permit and the Commission ordered the drilling stopped. Upon the cessation of drilling activities and while awaiting a formal hearing, the drill pipe was left hanging in the well (circulation had been lost at 558'). At the hearing Eastern was refused permission to drill this well and ordered to plug and abandon the hole. At this time in the history of this well the total depth was approximately 558'. Seven inch surface casing had been run to 235' and cement circulated to the surface. When an attempt was made to pull the drill pipe it was found to be stuck. Wash-over pipe was run and it also became stuck. Apparently the wash-over pipe was eventually freed and pulled from the hole. Fullop reports leaving two drilling collars, a sub, and a bit in the hole and pumped the entire hole full of cement and set a dry hole marker.

After METITING plugging this hole, permit #234 was secured and the Ancon #21 was drilled and completed. We have a record of this second well on file.

The depths and details concerning this well are approximate and recalled from memory without records by Mr. Fullop.

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EASTER'N DRILLING. INC.

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Mr. J. R. Scurlock Oil & Gas Conservation Comm. 4515 North 7th Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85013

Dear Jim:

Relative to our conversation on the 19th day of October, 1971, I have enclosed a Gamma Ray copy of the original hole drilled in Section 31-20N-28E on 8-8-63. You will note that this well never penetrated the Coconino sandstone inasmuch as the relationship to the Ancon #21 hole and this hole is approximately 100' higher, indicative of crossing a fault between the two holes.

Briefly I will relate the circumstances of this hole. On approximately July 23, 1963, I called Mr. Ludewick, then Acting Secretary of the Commission, and asked if I could possibly move onto this location prior to the paper work, which followed two days later. It was agreed at that time that Eastern could move on location and commence drilling. However, at 1220', approximately 20' from the Coconino, lost circulation was encountered and trouble began with our drill pipe being stuck in the hole and at the same time we were shut down on our operations by the State. However, Mr. Ludewick denied the phone call to him and consequently the permit was denied. I had to appear before the Commission at a later date and take the consequence for my action. All information on this well was furnished to the State at that time.

I then applied for a new permit and moved the location some 700' SE, which is the present location of the Ancon #21 well, and during the drilling of this new location we crossed the fault on the low side, however we were able to make a Shinarump producer. This original hole, referred to as the Santa Fe #21, 100' higher than the Ancon #21, will produce from the Coconino sandstone as well as the Shinarump. Knowing this information was the reason that we appeared before the Commission

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and asked for a hole to be drilled in the NW/4 of Section 31 to the Shinarump and Coconino formations. Here again drainage cannot be considered as a determent.

I did not bring this old well up at the hearing in Tuscon because it would have made the State Commission look bad inasmuch as they evidently misplaced their file on this incident. However, I am sure the tape recording on that particular hearing is in the Commission files somewhere.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours very truly,

EASTERN PETROLEUM COMPANY

Henry Fullop

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October 27, 1970

Mr. J. N. Edwards Eastern Petroleum Company P. O. Box 291 Cermi, Illinois 62821

Re: Eastern Petroleum Company #21 Ancon Santa Fe SE/4 EM/4 Section 31-T20M-R28E Apacha County Our File #234

> Eastern Petroleum Company #212 Amoon Santa Fe SE/4 EW/4 Section 31-720N-E28E Apacha County

Dear Mr. Edwards:

On a recent field trip we noticed that in Section 31, Township 20 North, Range 28 East, there was a well apparently temporarily abandoned. At any rate it had a dry hole marker with well designation, section, and so forth loosely screwed into the casing. The name of this well according to the marker was Eastern 421 Ancon Santa Fe SE/4 MM/4 Section 31-T20N-E28E. Approximately five to six hundred feet southeast of this well is another well designated Eastern 421 with a small numeral 2 to the right of the numeral 21, Section 31-T20N-R28E.

Our files indicate that there has been only one wall drilled in this quarter quarter section of Section 31. Would you please explain the two holes that have apparently been drilled in this section carrying approximately the same well numbers.

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In view of a hearing to be held Hovember 20, 1970, we must have complete infermation regarding this well, i.e., when drilling communed, total depth reached, formations popetrated, casing data, and any completion efforts that may have been attempted. We also need results of any tests that may have been run on this wall.

Please have this information submitted to this office ismediately.

Fory truly yours,

W. E. Allen Director, Enforcement Section

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